

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 4 are pending. Claim 1 has been cancelled and Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 3, and 4 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, because the Examiner considers the specification is not enabled for a method of making 1-(hydroxyalkyl)indazoles of the formula recited in Claim 3. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because of the phrase "has the formula." Lastly, Claim 1 is objected to because of an informality: the letter "(b)" was duplicated.

In response, Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner: the claims recite the compounds of the formula in original Claim 3, the phrase "has the formula" has been replaced with "is of the formula", and the duplicated letter (b) has been eliminated with the cancellation of original Claim 1.

Applicant believes that the above amendments and remarks have placed Claims 3 and 4 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims in this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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